

the international organization to serve disabled veterans. Since 1948, hundreds of Cheshire Homes have opened up worldwide, each acting independently, but all being guided by the same set of values.

The unique setting of the Cheshire Home provides a stimulating living experience where residents not only receive professional medical care, but also have the opportunity to contribute to their community and live an independent lifestyle. As only one of twenty-four licensed specialized care facilities in the state of New Jersey, the Cheshire Home is the only facility that specializes in the 18–55 age range, making it a truly unique facility. The residents at Cheshire Home are offered a myriad of services including, medical, educational, recreation and counseling programs and services.

In 1986, Cheshire Home began its first expansion when two community-based homes were added. The residences were built for individuals with the ability to live with an increased measure of independence. In 1988, the Cheshire Home established its onsite Community Resource Center. The Center is a place where an array of programs and services are conducted, including vocational training and education.

Cheshire Home and its residents have also reached out to the community through multiple programs. Members of the surrounding community are invited to take part in computer classes where Cheshire residents frequently act as mentors. A second program, the Awareness by Learning Experience (A.B.L.E.) program, was created to raise awareness in children, teens and adults of the challenges and capacities of disabled persons. Activities such as a “wheelchair obstacle course” give participants a glimpse at the challenges faced by disabled persons. The residents of Cheshire Home have presented this program to hundreds of communities and schools throughout New Jersey.

Cheshire Home is a place dedicated to serving disabled adults by providing a specialized environment that fosters the growth of a personal measure of independence in each resident. They have also proved over and over to be a good neighbor to the community. But above all, Cheshire Home provides young, disabled adults with the most important thing: a home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cheshire Home, their board of trustees, staff and volunteers as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

#### A TRIBUTE TO KIM GODWIN

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ms. Kim Godwin, an exceptional former Brooklynite who demonstrates ambition and a passion for her work to inspire us all.

Kim Godwin joined CBS News as Senior Producer in April 2007. In her current role on the CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley, she is exclusively in charge of planning future CBS News editorial coverage of day to day and major news events, both domestically and

internationally, including most recently, the launch of the final Shuttle mission from Kennedy Space Center. In her previous role on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, Godwin was in charge of Domestic News, overseeing editorial coverage and story production for all CBS bureaus in The United States, excluding Washington, D.C.

Most recently Godwin received a 2010 Emmy Award for “Outstanding Business and Economic Reporting in a Regularly Scheduled Newscast” for her groundbreaking series “Financial Family Tree.” The unique series provided viewers with an in-depth, analytical look at the immediate and long-term ripple effects of the recession.

She also recently won two New York Association of Black Journalists Awards for producing “Conquering Cancer” and “The Changing Face of AIDS.” She also received an Emmy nomination for “Conquering Cancer.” In her prestigious career, she has won numerous awards for excellence in journalism, including a Los Angeles area Emmy for Investigative Journalism for the report “One Gun,” in which one handgun was linked to multiple violent and deadly crimes. She is affiliated with numerous organizations, including the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the National Association of Female Executives. She is also the Chair of the Board of Managers at the North Brooklyn YMCA in New York City.

Godwin was born in Panama City, Florida but grew up in Queens, New York and is a graduate of Bayside High School. She graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism. Godwin currently resides in Pocono, Pennsylvania with her two children Kimberly and Kirsten.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Kim Godwin for her outstanding contribution to the field of journalism.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

#### HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as it marks the 50th Anniversary of its establishment in 1961. FAU is Florida’s fifth largest public university.

Through the last five decades, FAU has pursued a mission of delivering top-quality higher education, research, creative activities and civic engagement. Today FAU provides a national model of excellence in serving students across a very large geographical region through a well-developed distributed campus system.

From its humble beginning on an abandoned World War II-era United States Army airfield in Boca Raton, FAU has expanded to include campuses and sites in Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, Jupiter, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce.

The university is currently serving a record-high student body of more than 29,000 individ-

uals including the founding class of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, America’s newest medical school.

FAU takes special pride in the fact that its student body ranks as the most racially, ethnically and culturally diverse among the 11 institutions in Florida’s State University System. Forty-six percent of students classified as minority or international.

In the last 50 years the university has awarded degrees to more than 120,000 alumni. The University and the alumni is a strong engine of economic growth and FAU generates an estimated \$2 billion annually in its six-city service region.

FAU’s 10 distinguished colleges offer students the opportunity to pursue more than 170 degree programs on the undergraduate and graduate levels. The students are taught by a faculty of 1,500 skilled and dedicated men and women who possess expertise in their fields and a true passion for passing on their knowledge to the next generation of leaders. Areas in which FAU has earned national recognition include ocean engineering, marine science, business, accounting and public administration.

Long recognized as an outstanding teaching institution, FAU is now claiming a place among America’s great research universities. FAU researchers are at work in a host of essential areas, ranging from discoveries in the life sciences to new engineering technologies.

In 2010, the United States Department of Energy awarded FAU’s Center of Excellence in Ocean Technology the broader designation of the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center. Researchers at this interdisciplinary center are working to address our nation’s energy needs through the development of technology to generate energy from Florida’s strong offshore currents. FAU is ranked as a “High Research Activity” university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

While FAU excels in the sciences, FAU is also a vibrant center of the arts showcasing faculty and student presentations of many kinds, including lectures, plays, concerts and exhibitions. The university also recognizes its role in the community by offering South Florida’s retired citizens the opportunity to take a wide variety of interesting classes through the FAU Lifelong Learning Society which happens to be the largest and most successful program of its kind in the nation.

FAU’s students, alumni, faculty, administrators and staff can take pride in all that their university has accomplished during its first 50 years as they look forward to even greater achievements in the next decades to follow. This institution is an asset of great value to all Americans and to all Floridians deserving recognition and commendation during their Semicentennial.

#### HONORING THOMAS MORAN, THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF PAINTING

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues from New